

FISCAL NOTE

SB 877 - HB 1418

March 5, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a unified permit or regulatory fee to be collected by the Department of Environment and Conservation and allocated between the department and municipality with 25% to the state and 75% to the municipality. Revenue is earmarked for expenditure on storm management costs, whenever federal or state mandates require a municipality to issue permits or otherwise regulate construction activity, development or other similar activities affecting storm water management.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - \$13,187,500

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,500,000

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - \$13,000,000

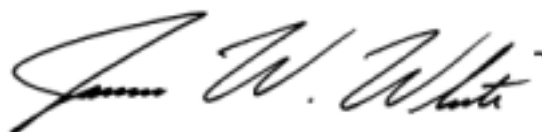
\$500,000 One-Time

Estimate assumes:

1. 84 local government are affected;
2. Two types of permit/regulations would be involved:
 - Developer fees – the Department of Environment and Conservation and local governments collect fees. Local governments collectively assess about \$2.1 million annually and the Department of Environment and Conservation collects approximately \$250,000 in these fees totaling \$2,350,000. Under this bill, the state's 25% share would be \$587,000 and the local government 75% share would be \$1,762,500. Local government revenue would be reduced by approximately \$400,000.
 - Residential and Commercial Landowner Assessments – Local governments collect these fees; however, the Department of Environment and Conservation regulates storm water management. Local governments currently collect \$50,400,000, based on a \$5/month assessment of property owners.
3. Local government revenues will decrease by 25%, increasing state revenues approximately \$12,600,000.
4. Expenditures include 30 new positions and related expenses for the Department of Environment and Conservation to bill and collect the fees.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

